December 1, 2024 First Sunday of Advent

Watchword for the Week – Jesus said, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away." Luke 21:33

Welcome to our service of worship on this wonderful Lord's Day! Today is the first Sunday in Advent - a four-week season of the church year devoted to preparing for the celebration of Jesus' birth. Here at Friedberg, we begin Advent with a special worship service called a lovefeast.

About Moravian Lovefeasts: Early Christians met and broke bread together to signify their fellowship, love and unity in the Lord Jesus Christ. In 1727, the Moravian Church revived this practice, and it has established the custom of celebrating the great church festivals by partaking together of a simple meal known as a lovefeast. The first lovefeasts of the Moravian Church in North America were held at Savannah, Georgia, during the years 1735 to 1740. The first lovefeast in North Carolina was held on the evening of the arrival of the first Moravian colonists in Bethabara on November 17, 1753.

If you have never been to a lovefeast the following explanation may be helpful. Following the singing of the *Hosanna Chorus*, the pastor will announce the hymn *Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus*. While everyone sings, dieners (servers) will come out with baskets of lightly sweetened Moravian lovefeast buns. They will pass the baskets down each pew allowing each person to take one of the buns. After all have been served, the dieners will exit the sanctuary and return with trays of Moravian coffee, sweetened with sugar and milk. Cups will be passed down each pew until all have been served. After the dieners leave the sanctuary, the pastor will stand and invite everyone to pray together the Moravian blessing. Then, while the choir sings, we will partake of the coffee and buns. Afterwards the dieners will return to collect the cups. The service then continues at the pastor's direction.

If you are visiting with us today we are especially glad you are here. Please take a moment to add your name, address and phone number to the blue Friendship Register as it is passed down the pew. We consider you an honored guest and hope that you will return and worship with us in the weeks to come. If you are looking for a church home, we would love to talk with you about joining the Friedberg church family.

The Order of Worship

All of the hymns for congregational singing are printed on the Advent Lovefeast Ode inserted within this bulletin. Additional information you may find helpful is printed below.

Prelude	O Come, O Come, Emmanuel The Senior Bell Choir	Bryant	
Lighting of the Advent Wreath (Following the first hymn on the Lovefeast Ode, Children ages 4 thru 2 nd grade may leave for Children's Church and those in grades 3-5 may leave for Kid's Worship)			
Joys and Co	ncerns		
Prayer			
Holy Scriptur	e John 3:16-17		
Lovefeast Mu	Isic Welcome To Our World soloist Carrie Randleman I Wonder As I Wander flute Christy Van Nostrand	Rice Arr. Schrader	
Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings			
Prayer Anthem Doxology	Come to My Heart Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow	Fettke (Blue) # 817	
Sermon	Christmas is Coming! Share the Good News!		
Benediction			
Postlude	Angels, from the Realms of Glory	Smart	

The Advent Wreath is placed in the sanctuary in honor and memory of the descendants of Adam Spach.

The Poinsettias in the church are given by the Women's Fellowship.

The candles in the windows in the sanctuary are donated by Annie Rowe and her family in memory of Ralph Rowe.

The Women's Fellowship will have our candle trimming on Tuesday, December 3 at 6:00 p.m. along with a potluck supper. We will also have the installation of officers. Monetary donations will be sent to Samaritan's Purse and will be designated for Western North Carolina. Canned goods and non-perishable food items will be given to the Blessing Box at Friedberg.

If you pre-ordered a <u>2025 Moravian Daily Text</u>, please pick up your copy from the church office. Regular print copies are \$11.00 and large print copies are \$14.00

The 2025 Flower Calendar for sanctuary flowers is posted on the bulletin board behind the church office (across from the nursery). Please sign up if you would like to provide flowers in the sanctuary for our worship services in 2025.

The Senior Choir has notecards and prints available for sale from our 250th Anniversary fundraiser last year. There are two different designs to choose from. We also have a few frames available for a ready to display gift. Notecards are \$8.00 per pack of 12 cards or two packs for \$15.00. Prints are \$15 for 5x7, \$25 for 8x10, \$35 for 11x14. Stop by the choir loft following worship to purchase.

The Senior Choir will be going to the Forsyth Jail and Prison for our annual Christmas Lovefeast on December 5th. We have taken needed items for the inmates for the last few years and this year they would like help with the items they use for the hygiene bags. These include FULL SIZE SHAMPOO, FULL SIZE TOOTHPASTE, FULL SIZE DEODORANT (NO SPRAY just roll-on please), FULL SIZE BAR SOAP, AND TOOTHBRUSHES. These things can be found at the dollar store or Walmart. If you would like to help us with this collection, there will be containers located around the church as well as outside the choir room. Please consider helping with this project. The collection will end December 4th. Any questions, feel free to reach out to me. The Men's Fellowship will be helping us with this collection this year so hopefully we can supply lots of items to help. Thank you so much! Dawnyelle Leonard on behalf of the Senior Choir

First Friday Breakfast – Join us December 6 at 7:00 a.m.! Pastor Jim is our speaker with a devotional for Advent, a great start to this season when we celebrate the hope, peace, joy and love our Savior brought to us by His birth.

All parents who have a child in Children's Church and Kid's Worship will be <u>required</u> to physically come down to the Children's Center and Pathfinders Sunday School Class at the end of worship to pick up their child.

Sunday, December 1 (First Sunday in Advent Lovefeast)

9:15 a.m.	Band Prelude
9:15 a.m.	Prayer Partners-Parlor
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
11:00 a.m.	Worship/Livestream in the Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	Morning Star Practice in Sanctuary

Monday, December 2

6:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts
7:00 p.m.	C.E. Board
7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts

Tuesday, December 3

6:00 p.m.	Women's Fellowship Candle	e Trimming

Wednesday, December 4

6:00 p.m.	Children's Christmas Program Practice
6:15 p.m.	Handbell Rehearsal
7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 5

6:00 p.m.	Youth Christmas Program Practice
7:00 p.m.	Men's Basketball

Friday, December 6

7:00 a.m. 1st Men's Breakfast

Saturday, December 7

8:30 a.m.	Breakfast with Santa
10:00 a.m	Children's Program Practice
11:30 a.m.	Children's Christmas Party

Sunday, December 8 (Children's Christmas Program)

9:15 a.m.	Band Prelude
9:15 a.m.	Prayer Partners-Parlor
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
11:00 a.m.	Worship/Livestream in the Family Life Center
4:30 p.m.	Youth Christmas Party
4:30 p.m.	Chosen Christmas Film in the Family Life Center

FRIEDBERG MORAVIAN CHURCH PRAYER CONCERNS

December 1, 2024

MEMBERS

Family and Friends Prayer Concerns Submitted Since Last Sunday:

The family of Garry Crist, Haley Johnson, Kristin Nichols, Louisa Sponaugle, Janice Vitt, and Quintin Zemon

MEMBERS AND RELATIVES IN MILITARY

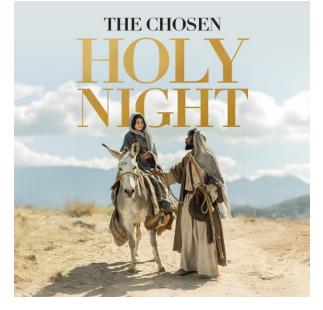
Dylan Coleman	Patrick Mickey	Ryan Spach
Ben Greeson	Daniel Randleman	Brandon Thompson
Jennifer Greenwood	Colton Scott	Aidan Wheeler
Dakota Holtzclaw	Jon Eric Spaar, Jr.	

MISSIONARIES AND MINISTRIES RECEIVING FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM FRIEDBERG

ARMF (Armando Rusindo Mission Foundation) Safie Braima - Sierra Leone Charlie & Vicki Brent – CRU (Campus Crusade), Texas A & M University Michael and Brenda Brent – CRU (Campus Crusade), Croatia Anna Stewart Faircloth – Young Life Keith Graham - Cookies for Christ Dusty and Christin Harrison – Intervarsity, Clemson University Hoof and Paw Therapeutic Riding and Activity Center Phil III & Eunice Raiford, Commission to Every Nation (CTEN) - Mexico Michael and Ceci Tesh, Ray of Hope Orphanage – Kenya Friends of Moravian Prison Ministry Joey Yokely – Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Current prayer concerns: Emily Essick is a patient at Duke Medical Center. Andy Stone was discharged from Novant Forsyth Medical Center on Wednesday.





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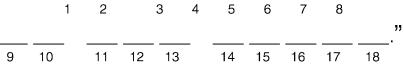
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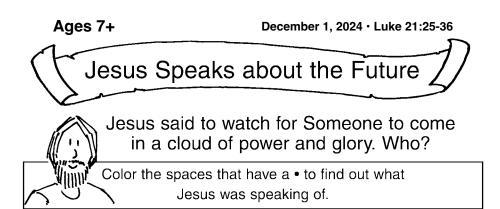


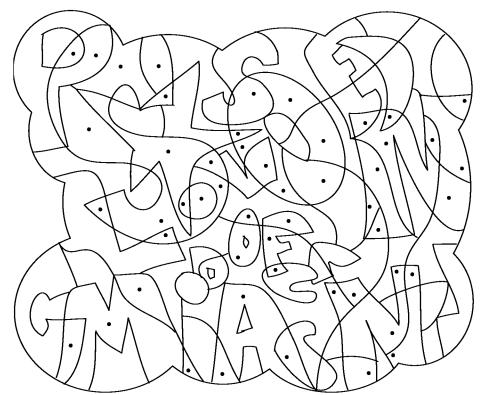
Find important words below that were spoken by Jesus.

First, in each line, unscramble 5 of the 6 letters to answer the definition. Then, write the one letter that remains on the line below.

1	Opposite of old	OYNUGB	
2	Holds rain in the sky	CLUOED	
3	Strength and might	POWRAE	
4	The Son of God	EUJSLS	
5	Power	LRYGOW	
6	Fabric	ATLOCH	
7	Furniture to sit at	BAELYT	
, 8	Food made from grain	ESABRD	
9	Quench your thirst	IRKDNO	
10	Furniture to sit on	CNRHIA	
11	Currency	YONTEM	
12	Hues, shade, dye	OOLRHC	
13	Breezy	IDEYNW	
14	Glow	WHISEN	
15	The Holy Book	IELBBA	
16	Give to others	RHTASE	
-	Shine in the night sky	TCSSRA	
18	A means of travel in desert	MAELHC	
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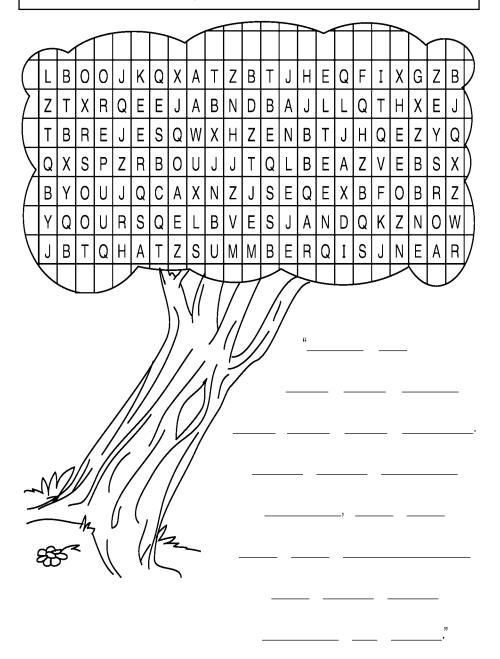




The Rev. Jim Newsome-Senior Pastor The Rev. Dan Nelson-Assoc. Pastor Karen Hill-Director of Youth Ministry Heidi Everhart-Director of Children's Ministry Debbie Foltz-Music Director Jimmie Snyder-Band Director

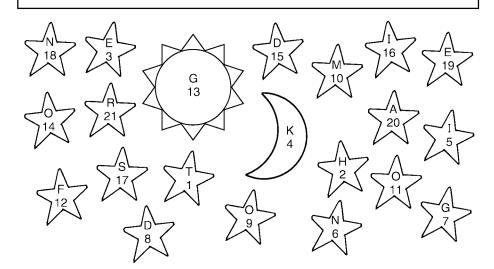
Jesus told a parable.

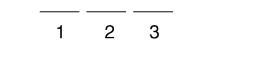
Cross out these letters: B J Q X Z Write the parable on the lines below.



Jesus said that when you see things happening that He spoke about, you will know something. What is it?

Write the letters from the shapes on the lines below.

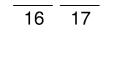






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